1-36 Infantry 'Spartans' deliver supplies to girls' school



Pupils from the 14th of July Girls' School in Baghdad look over the contents of backpacks donated by Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Cpl. Benjamin Cossel, 122nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq –Students of the city's 14th of July Girls' School received an unexpected gift when Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, handed out 500 backpacks loaded with school supplies, candy and other items.

As part of an on-going effort to reach out and work within those communities in their area of operations, commanders look for locations where the United States can best provide civil assistance.

"We were constantly receiving emails from friends and family members back home wanting to know what they could do to help out," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Campbell, the battalion civil-military liaison NCO (S-5). "We worked with the area council members and identified an easy and affordable means by which they (friends and families) could help."

Located in the Rusafa district of Baghdad, The 14th of July School, an all girls school, is part of the battalion's neighborhood.

"This was a win-win type situation," Campbell said, "family members were able to be involved and we were able to give something back to the community in which we live."

Speaking through a translator, Lt. Col. Charles Sexton, the battalion's commander, led the students in a chant of "S-C-H-O-O-L" and held a competition to see which class was the loudest.

The class deemed the loudest received their new backpacks first.

"We all know how important school is, and we all know how important it is that you have the right supplies to be able to complete your studies," said Sexton. "And, that is why I am proud to present to you this little gift from the Soldiers of the 1-36, "Spartans," and the American people."

Being the fourth visit to area schools, Soldiers of the 1-36 have delivered about 400 backpacks per school bringing the distribution total to 1,500, Campbell said.

The pupils often let excitement get the better of them, much to their teachers' dismay. Ignoring calls to stay within their assembled groups, children asked the Soldiers for autographs and to have their picture taken with them.

"I love the American Soldier, they are beautiful. I love what they do for us," said one student as she stood in line.

"As I look out on this group of outstanding students, many of you reaching an age where you will soon be going on to college, I'm happy to say that you are taking a step into a new future for Iraq," said Col. Pete R. Mansoor, 1st Brigade Combat Team commander, "a future where all will be able to receive an education no matter their race, religion, creed, or gender."

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NEWS...

U.S. General Vows Reply to Iraq Murders

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - A U.S. general vowed an "overwhelming" response to the murder and mutilation of four American contractors, but U.S. troops stayed out of this anti-American city Thursday and fearful Iraqi police took no action. Residents said they were ready to take on the Americans if they try to enter Fallujah, where schools and shops remained open a day after insurgents ambushed the contractors' SUVs and mobs strung up two of their charred corpses on an iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

Uzbek Official Points to al-Qaida Links

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) - This week's outbreak of violence in Uzbekistan is linked to al-Qaida, a top anti-terror official said Thursday - the first time the Uzbek government has directly tied the attacks to the terror network headed by Osama bin Laden. In the latest bloodshed, a woman blew herself up at a two-story apartment building in the central Bukhara region Thursday, killing a man and critically wounding herself, police said. The blast occurred in the same area as an explosion at an alleged terrorist bomb-making hideaway that killed 10 people Sunday night.

Europe Terror Dragnet Hauls in 41 Suspects

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Italy, Turkey, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands arrested 41 militants in a coordinated crackdown Thursday on a Turkish Marxist group considered a terrorist organization by Washington, Turkey's Interior Ministry said. Police in Istanbul arrested 25 suspects of the Marxist Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front, or DHKP-C, while security forces in the other countries detained 16 others, an Interior Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Jessica Lynch Ponders Survival, Celebrity

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Fame has come at a price for former POW Jessica Lynch. Since the supply clerk's wounding and rescue made her the Iraq war's most famous soldier a year ago, well-wishers have been drawn to her at every public appearance, whether at the diner near her home or at the Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills. "I'm just a country girl. It's something I'm not used to, and I probably never will be," the 20-year-old Lynch told The Associated Press. "I do want my life back to normal, because it's hard - it's so hard. But at the same time I'm like - wow, I get to go to New York, I get to go to Hollywood. I get to hang out with people like Britney and Leonardo."

Thought for the day... Simple Life

Alexander the Great once visited Corinth, where the famed Cynic Diogenes was then living - in a large earthenware tub in the suburbs.

Alexander, calling upon the philosopher, found him sunning himself and graciously asked whether there was anything he could do for him.

"Stand out of my sun," Diogenes replied. When Alexander's courtiers decried Diogenes as an ogre, the king dissented. "If I were not Alexander," he mused, "I should wish to be Diogenes."

Entertainment...

'Sesame Street' Still A-OK After 35 Years

By FRAZIER MOORE, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Here's a kids show that still boasts plenty of street cred.

Now beginning its 35th season, "Sesame Street" remains a daily destination for millions of preschoolers, an evergreen cityscape as much a part of their world as any other play space.

It's been that way for generations of kids, as any of the show's estimated 74 million "grads" will recall from "Sesame Street Presents: The Street We Live On." This retrospective airs on most PBS stations.

Even if you haven't caught "Sesame Street" since around the time it premiered Nov. 10, 1969, you will be struck by how things seem much like you left them. The Muppets; the diverse community of humans; the letters and numbers that "sponsor" each hour.

Even parts of the 'hood are the same, notably the set for the brownstone apartment building at 123 Sesame St. Now nearly 35 years old, it should qualify for landmark status.

Clearly "Sesame Street" was designed for the ages by the "urban planners" at the upstart Children's Television Workshop (now renamed Sesame Workshop). But the era that gave rise to "Sesame Street" remains part of its culture.

A telling trace lives on in the theme song: "Sunny day, everything's A-OK." Popularized by pioneers of the U.S. space program, the term A-OK is as identified with the 1960s as granny glasses and tie-dye jeans.

So, perhaps, is the idealism surging in those years. Four months before "Sesame Street" premiered, that can-do spirit had helped put the first man on the moon. Likewise, it fueled dreams of helping put things right for the nation's kids.

And, with the civil rights movement at full throttle, racial equality became another part of the show's message.

Early on, the "Sesame Street" brand of passion paved the way to many kids-show innovations: the racially integrated cast, the inner-city setting, the fast-paced, bite-sized structure of each episode.

"Sesame Street" gathered caring, flesh-and-blood adults to offer guidance and support for the childlike Muppets. It brought in celebrity guests to catch the eye of parents, who, after watching with their kids, then "naturally reinforce and extend the learning for the child," Bernstein says.

Today, after 4,057 episodes, more than 8 million viewers tune in at least once a week. The show remains a top 10 weekday program among children aged 2 to 5, with its preschool audience up 9 percent in 2002-03 from the season before.

Accordingly, the show stays steadfast while constantly adapting. Two years ago, Maria and Luis, long the proprietors of a fix-it shop, made a career change, opening a Mail Boxes Etc.-type outlet. Smart move. People don't get things repaired the way they used to.

A more substantial change: "Elmo's World," the popular feature which, since 1998, has swept young viewers off Sesame Street and into a virtual realm, where, logged onto his PC, Elmo takes them on cyber-explorations.

But the more things change, and however more dangerously, the more "Sesame Street" remains a safe haven.

That's why the detail of Secret Service agents seemed so terribly out of place deployed in Studio G the morning of Sept. 19, 2002, when Laura Bush dropped by to read a storybook to Elmo and Big Bird.

The nation's state of high alert meant an unprecedented level of security for the first lady. Then, after Mrs. Bush took her escorted leave, other agents, assigned to stay behind, got to do what any "Sesame Street" viewer, past or present, would delight in: They took turns posing with Elmo for souvenir snapshots. Stone-faced agents were suddenly grinning like kids.

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Today in History... April 2, 1982: ARGENTINA INVADES FALKLANDS

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On April 2, 1982, Argentina invades the Falklands Islands, a British colony since 1892 and British possession since 1833. Argentine amphibious forces rapidly overcame the small garrison of British marines at the town of Stanley on East Falkland and the next day seized the dependent territories of South Georgia and the South Sandwich group. The 1,800 Falkland Islanders, mostly English-speaking sheep farmers, awaited a British response.

The Falkland Islands, located about 300 miles off the southern tip of Argentina, had long been claimed by the British. British navigator John Davis may have sighted the islands in 1592, and in 1690 British Navy Captain John Strong made the first recorded landing on the islands. He named them after Viscount Falkland, who was the First Lord of the Admiralty at the time. In 1764, French navigator Louis-Antoine de Bougainville founded the islands' first human settlement, on East Falkland, which was taken over by the Spanish in 1767. In 1765, the British settled West Falkland but left in 1774 for economic reasons. Spain abandoned its settlement in 1811.

In 1816 Argentina declared its independence from Spain and in 1820 proclaimed its sovereignty over the Falklands. The Argentines built a fort on East Falkland, but in 1832 it was destroyed by the USS *Lexington* in retaliation for the seizure of U.S. seal ships in the area. In 1833, a British force expelled the remaining Argentine officials and began a military occupation. In 1841, a British lieutenant governor was appointed, and by the 1880s a British community of some 1,800 people on the islands was self-supporting. In 1892, the wind-blown Falkland Islands were collectively granted colonial status.

For the next 90 years, life on the Falklands remained much unchanged, despite persistent diplomatic efforts by Argentina to regain control of the islands. In 1981, the Falkland Islanders voted in a referendum to remain British, and it seemed unlikely that the Falklands would ever revert to Argentine rule. Meanwhile, in Argentina, the military junta led by Lieutenant General Leopoldo Galtieri was suffering criticism for its oppressive rule and economic management, and planned the Falklands invasion as a means of promoting patriotic feeling and propping up its regime.

In March 1982, Argentine salvage workers occupied South Georgia Island, and a full-scale invasion of the Falklands began on April 2. Under orders from their commanders, the Argentine troops inflicted no British casualties, despite suffering losses to their own units. Nevertheless, Britain was outraged, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher assembled a naval task force of 30 warships to retake the islands. As Britain is 8,000 miles from the Falklands, it took several weeks for the British warships to arrive. On April 25, South Georgia Island was retaken, and after several intensive naval battles fought around the Falklands, British troops landed on East Falkland on May 21. After several weeks of fighting, the large Argentine garrison at Stanley surrendered on June 14, effectively ending the conflict.

Britain lost five ships and 256 lives in the fight to regain the Falklands, and Argentina lost its only cruiser and 750 lives. Humiliated in the Falklands War, the Argentine military was swept from power in 1983, and civilian rule was restored. In Britain, Margaret Thatcher's popularity soared after the conflict, and her Conservative Party won a landslide victory in 1983 parliamentary elections.



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The following are upcoming Presidential and State Primaries:

April: Pennsylvania

May: Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Idaho

June: Alabama, New Mexico, S. Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, S. Carolina, Virginia, Utah

July: Georgia, Oklahoma

August: Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida

September: Guam, Arizona, Nevada, Delaware, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New

Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Louisiana

November: American Samoa, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 2)

Unit VAO's can direct questions to the Division VAO, CPT Morgan, at DNVT 551-0311

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03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - I MARRIED MARGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30 05:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - COLLEGE SLAM DUNK & 3-	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - MONSTER MAN HUXTABLE THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - VALLEY OF THE SHADOW	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
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09:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - GUPPIES/THE MAGIC QUILT	182)	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - JIMINY CRICKET	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
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